to avoid intrusion by Indian fishermen into Srilankan waters. The Coast Guard can only play a supportive role in discouraging Indian fishermen from straying across the IBL.

(c) As for the organisations indulging in illegal arms trafficking and fomenting trouble in India, LTTE has come to the notice of the Government to be indulging in such activities. This organisation has been declared as an unlawful one under the Unlawful Activities (Prevention) Act, 1967 from 14.5.92 for a period of 4 years.

Ordance factories

3818. SHRI MISA R. GANESAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ordnance Factories are in the state of closure due to insufficient demands/orders from Armed Forces;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether it is a fact that Ordnance Factories have been driven to take Civil Trade Orders from Public Sector Undertakings and Private Sector for optimum utilisation of facilities/capacities and infrastructure available with them;

(d) whether Ordnance Factories have been entrusted with New Projects;

(e) if so, whether workmen would cope-up with work load;

(f) whether Factories/DGOA Organisations have been asked to show 10 per cent reduction in the pay roll and if so, whether it would create vacuum in the field; and

(g) if so, whether Government would issue orders to all the concerned Departments to stop the reduction in strength immediately as a first step?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI MALLIKARJUN): (a) No Sir, The factories have been functioning normally; in fact, their sales to armed forces have been increasing.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) The defence production units have established capacities to levels of demand in peace and war. However, peace time demand levels, as also budgetary constraints, result in orders from the armed forces which do not always match the production capacities established. For utilisation of the spareable capacities and skills, after meeting the requirements of defence forces, the defence production units undertake diversification so as to raise their turnover and productivity. Diversification also enhances their exposure to commercial industrial culture.

(d) Yes Sir.

(e) Selective induction of additional employees as also training of employees is undertaken to meet the requirements of new projects.

(f) No, Sir. However, rationalisation of strength to meet the changing requirement is undertaken.

(g) Does not arise.

Defence cooperation with Britain

3819. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether in the new international climate emerging with the end of the cold war, Britain has sought greater defence cooperation with India through a defence consultative group that has been proposed;

(b) if so, Government's reaction thereto;

(c) the preparatory action being taken towards the establishment of an Indo-British Defence Consultative Group; and

(d) how far it is likely to go to improve the Indian defence capabilities?